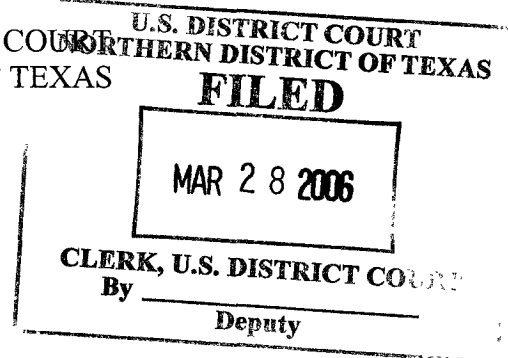


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION



SCOTT MATTISON LAWSON,

Petitioner,

v.

DOUGLAS DRETKE, Director,  
Texas Department of Criminal  
Justice, Institutional Division,

Respondent.

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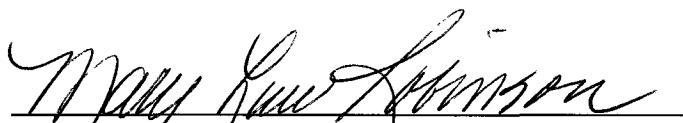
**ORDER OVERRULING OBJECTIONS,  
ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION,  
and DENYING PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

Petitioner has filed with this Court an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. On March 10, 2006, the United States Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation in this cause, recommending therein that habeas relief be denied. On March 24, 2006, petitioner filed objections to the Report and Recommendation.

The undersigned United States District Judge has made an independent examination of the record in this case. The objections filed by petitioner are without merit and are hereby OVERRULED. The Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation is hereby ADOPTED. Accordingly, the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by petitioner is hereby DENIED. Let judgment be entered accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTERED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006.

  
MARY LOU ROBINSON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE